

MIDDLE CANYON LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCLUAC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

A meeting of the Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m. at Coram-West Glacier Volunteer Fire Department, Coram, Montana. Board members present were Aubrie Loroña, Victoria Lee, Lexi Woods, Joe Hoff, and Mike Kopitzke.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance. There were 3 members of the public in attendance via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA 6:03 PM

Woods made a motion, seconded by Kopitzke, to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 6:03 PM

Kopitzke made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve the May 31, 2022 meeting minutes as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Public matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee 2-3-103 M.C.A)

6:05 PM – There were public concerns about bear proofing/protection in the surrounding areas. A community member mentioned the incident at the West Glacier KOA this past summer. A recommendation was made for all surrounding business and residents look into bear proof containers for their garbage and food disposal.

6:08 PM – Update on the Over/Underpass Project. On October 8, 2022, folks from the Rotary Club conducted a ‘Workday’ and helped to get the vegetation ready for the winter months. The work on the west side has been paid for minus a few thousand dollars. The plan for the east side of the overpass is to finish it up next year. The committee is working with the MT Governor’s Office of Economic Development on a potential grant to help fund the rest of the project.

OLD BUSINESS

6:12 PM – By-Laws Working Committee update – Via Aubrie Loroña, Mary Metzger (county representative) said they are still held up at the County Attorney’s office, but she checks in often on their progress. Until the new By-Laws are finalized, the MCLUAC will continue to work under the currently written By-Laws.

6:13 PM – West Glacier Vision Plan update – After the Hearing with the County Commissioners, they hired a proof/text editor to review the plan and help edit it to make it a legal/professional; then they provided copies to the Planning Office. The County Commissioner are looking forward to going over it again.

NEW BUSINESS 6:15 PM

Aubrie Loroña and Alexa “Lexi” Woods will be done with their terms on the MCLUAC as of 12/31/2022. Aubrie filled the ‘Business owner’ operating in the Middle Canyon but not required to live here’ position while Lexi filled one of the ‘Permanent Resident’ positions. For those interested in applying to be on the committee, please see below:

Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee

There are two (2) vacancies on the Committee. One (1) vacancy would run three (3) years beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; the applicant must be a permanent resident. One (1) vacancy would run three (3) years beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; the applicant must be a business owner operating in Middle Canyon.

Letters of interest (*please specify which board/committee you are applying for*) including name, physical address, mailing address, daytime phone number and qualifications should be submitted to:

Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office
South Campus Building
40 11th Street West, Ste 220
Kalispell, MT 59901

All letters of interest should be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2022.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

6:21 PM – International Dark Skies – Join the International Dark-Sky Association on November 11th and 12th for Under One Sky 2022. Please refer to <https://conference.darksky.org> for more information. “A 24-hour virtual event that will leave you feeling inspired and empowered to combat light pollution in your community. You’ll hear from experts and storytellers in the dark sky movement, connect with passionate individuals from IDA’s global network, and learn about hands-on activities and tools that you can use to protect the night through engagement workshops. Registration is free but required.” Registration link: <https://darksky.salsalabs.org/UnderOneSky2022Registration/index.html>

6:24 PM – The Flathead Lakers – A group working for clean water, healthy ecosystems, and lasting quality of life in the Flathead Watershed. The group is leading a project called, “Living in the Flathead,” where they are working with area agencies to come up with a booklet for part-time and full-time residents. The idea is to help everyone become more water, fire, and wildlife aware.

ADJOURNMENT 6:26 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm by Aubrie Loroña. The next meeting will be held November 29, 2022, 6:00 PM. Location: Coram-West Glacier Volunteer Fire Department.

Aubrie Loroña, Chairman

Lexi Woods, Recording Secretary

MCLUAC Cloud Recording, October 25, 2022:

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How to contact the Middle Canyon Land Use Committee (MCLUAC)

All correspondence goes to the Flathead Planning Office initially. Concerns, complaints or questions should be sent to Planning.zoning@flathead.mt.gov; the office will respond within 24 hours.

Compliance complaints can be submitted by Middle Canyon residents by completing the compliant form provided online, attached to an email to the Planning.zoning@flathead.mt.gov office. Forms are also available at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, 40-11th Street W, Kalispell MT

Code compliance web page:

https://flathead.mt.gov/planning_zoning/codecompliance.php

Complaint violation form:

https://flathead.mt.gov/planning_zoning/documents/ComplaintFormupdated12.19.16.pdf